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In re:

U.S. Application of:

Eiichi YOSHIDA

For:

CONTROL DEVICE AND CONTROL METHOD FOR
NETWORK-CONNECTED DEVICE

Prior Application:

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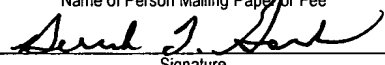
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is a preliminary amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Continued Prosecution Application.

Amendments to the claims are presented herein by presenting a complete set of pending claims, as amended, in clean form. Also, an Appendix entitled "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made," showing the current amendments to the claims is attached hereto.